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1. THE DE FACTO EMBARGO ON SHIPPING MORE THAN A THOUSAND DOLLARS WORTH OF VALUABLES CONTINUES WITH NO HOPE OF RELIEF IN SIGHT. IT IS OUR OPINION THAT THIS PROBLEM IS SO TANGLED THAT ONLY SOMEONE OF GREAT PERSONAL AUTHORITY IN GOP CAN CUT THROUGH THE GORDIAN KNOT, BUT THE ATTENTION OF ANYONE WITH THAT KIND OF POWER (IF THERE IS ONE) IS FULLY OCCUPIED WITH OTHER MATTERS, CURRENTLY THE ONGOING GOVERNMENT CRISIS.

2. THE EMBASSY KNOWS OF TWELVE CASES OF AMERICANS WHO ARE PROHIBITED FROM MOVING PERSONAL GOODS OWING TO THE OPERATION OF DECREE LAW 181/74. FROM TIME TO TIME WE HEAR OF SOMEONE WHO HAS MANAGED TO GET VALUABLES OUT OF PORTUGAL, SOMETIMES BY "LUCK" OR BY TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE CONFUSION SURROUNDING THE MATTER. BOTH METHODS ARE RISKY.

3. IN THE MEANTIME, THE EMBASSY CONTINUES TO MAKE REPRESENTATIONS TO EVERYONE IN THE GOVERNMENT WHO WILL LISTEN. A
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NOTE LISTING THE CASES BY NAME WAS DELIVERED TO FOREIGN

MINISTRY AUGUST 19. ALTHOUGH WE TRY TO ASSIST INDIVIDUAL CASES
WHENEVER POSSIBLE, OUR MAIN EFFORT IS AIMED AT GETTING A
CHANGE IN THE LAW.
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